



January 11, 2023

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 East Court Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

RE: HLP-2021-0003, Navigator Heartland LLC

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Libertarian Party of Iowa, please accept this letter in lieu of a formal opposition to the use of eminent domain as well as tax subsidies, to build the proposed CO2 pipeline through the private property of hard-working Iowans. This project is a violation of Iowans right to live safely and securely.

Over the last year, many honest, hardworking citizens across the state have stood up in opposition to this project expressing their frustration with the project being forced upon them. Generations of landowners are concerned with the short- and long-term effects of the project on their land. Families are fearful of looming safety issues of this new technology as the route passes close to schools, churches, and homes.

Actions speak louder than words and the actions of Navigator Heartland LLC (hereinafter "Navigator") clearly demonstrate that they do not view Iowans as partners. For example, Navigator has repeatedly attempted to access private lands without proper authorization and dismissed the safety concerns of citizen as well as elected leaders. In fact, Navigator made abrasive claims that it only answers to federal agencies (who have yet to pass new standards for this technology).

The technology itself has proven to be unsafe. On February 22, 2020, a similar pipeline burst near Sartartia, Mississippi. Our local EMS volunteers would not be prepared in the event a similar rupture occurs here in Iowa. Specifically, our EMS departments do not have sufficient training nor equipment to address such disaster. This pipeline is the *only* reason the need for such specialized training and equipment would arise. Yet, Navigator has not stepped up to address the burden they are putting on our emergency volunteers and has not offered any plan to provide additional resources to address such burden. It is our position that it is solely Navigator's responsibility to do so as such strain would be caused solely by the pipeline.

Finally, the pipeline is not the matter of a public good but rather an unsustainable private business venture relying solely on tax credits while utilizing the governmental power to forcibly seize the land from its

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rightful private owners. It appears that Navigator and the people directing it are, simply put, bullies, and are far from being Iowa-nice.

For the above stated reasons, we strongly urge you to deny this proposed pipeline.

Respectfully submitted,



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